

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 18, 2005

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 956**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Coto**

February 18, 2005

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An act to add Section 17070.96 to the Education Code, relating to school facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 956, as amended, Coto. School facilities: *joint powers* regional occupational centers.

Existing law, the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998, requires the State Allocation Board to allocate to applicant school districts, prescribed per-unhoused-pupil state funding for construction and modernization of school facilities, including hardship funding, and supplemental funding for site development and acquisition.

Existing law deems the Joint Powers Southern California Regional Occupational Center and the Joint Powers Central County Occupational Center to be school districts for prescribed facility maintenance funding purposes.

This bill would deem *joint powers* regional occupational centers to be school districts for school modernization funding purposes of the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998 if the centers would not otherwise qualify for school modernization funding.

The bill would require the State Allocation Board to adopt specified regulations in this regard and would make a *joint powers* regional occupational center ineligible for financial hardship assistance.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 17070.96 is added to the Education Code, to read:

17070.96. (a) A *joint powers* regional occupational center shall be deemed to be a school district for the purposes of applying for modernization project funding pursuant to this chapter. A *joint powers* regional occupational center shall be deemed a school district pursuant to this section only if it would not otherwise qualify for state funding for modernization of its facilities. Only enrollment, including projected enrollment, in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, may be counted for eligibility determinations for this purpose.

(b) For the purposes of this section, the board shall adopt regulations to calculate the enrollment of pupils at ~~regional occupational centers~~ *a joint powers regional occupational center*, in a manner that reflects the number of pupils present during one *joint powers* regional occupational center session.

(c) ~~Modernization projects~~ *A modernization projects* for ~~regional occupational centers~~ *are a joint powers regional occupational center* is eligible only for school facilities program funding approved by the voters after January 1, 2006.

(d) For the purposes of this section, a qualified *joint powers* regional occupational center is not eligible for financial hardship assistance for facility modernization.

(e) For the purposes of this section, “session” means a program of instruction that qualifies for a minimum day for *joint powers* regional occupational center pupils.

(f) The board, in conjunction with the department, shall review projected costs resulting from this section. By January 1, ~~2007~~ *2008*, the board shall report to the Legislature the results of the review.